

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, January 12, 2010, commencing at 7:01 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Mounce, Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, and Mayor Katzakian

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Discussion of On-Street Parking Regulations for Motor Homes (CA)

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of on-street parking regulations for motor homes.

City Attorney Schwabauer provided a presentation regarding on-street parking regulations for motor homes. Specific topics of discussion included a request by Council to bring the matter to Council for consideration, the ability of cities to regulate parking on local streets, placement of time limitations, requirement to have some measure of notice, postings along entrances to the City, clear signage reflecting when and where parking may occur, prohibition against electrical hook-ups by current encroachment rules, and measures other cities have put in place including having a standard time limit such as 72 hours, requiring vehicles to be gone from the location for a specific period of time in addition to the 72-hour standard, and a permitting system which may be web-based to alleviate administrative burdens.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Schwabauer stated that, based on case law and Vehicle Code Section 22507, adequate notice must be given as determined by a study or in the alternative all entrances to the City may be posted.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Schwabauer stated a permit would apply to a particular address and it would be incumbent upon the owners to obtain a permit for a visiting relative.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Community Improvement Supervisor Jaime Aldred stated she is aware of only two complaints pertaining to motor homes and one of them was related to an off-street parking occurrence whereby a vehicle was parked in a backyard but was in compliance with the 30-day rule.

In response to Mayor Katzakian, Mr. Schwabauer stated the current ordinance limits all on-street parking to 72 hours, after which time the vehicle must be moved.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Mr. Schwabauer stated complaints have not been made directly to the City Attorney's office, but confirmed that there may have been some complaints over the years pertaining to residences near Kristmont, Virginia, and Crescent Streets.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated indirect complaints and telephone calls that are received by the departments are generally not recorded and tracked and follow-up is based on the general pulse of the issue.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock, Mr. Schwabauer stated the three ways communities are handling this issue appear to be a 72-hour standard after which the vehicle must be moved, the 72-hour standard with a specific time frame for when the vehicle cannot come back to that location, and a permitting system, which can be web-based.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Schwabauer confirmed there may be some complaints that are meritless whereby the neighbors call and complain about each other because they are not fond of one another.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Ms. Aldred stated the only chronic offender she is aware of is the one on Virginia Street who has been ticketed previously.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Schwabauer stated the challenge remains with investigating and proving a violation and an ordinance could be created which specifically prohibits the return of the vehicle for a certain time period.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Schwabauer stated the current camping ordinance prohibits living in a camp or vehicle, unless it is on a licensed site or in a backyard for the 30-day period, and an impound feature could be added to the ordinance.

In response to Council Member Mounce, Mr. Schwabauer stated an ordinance could allow people to sleep in the vehicle for up to 72 hours if so desired.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Aldred stated the biggest challenge is proving that someone is in fact living in a vehicle, the on-street complaints are generally handled by the Partners, and the off-street complaints are handled by Community Improvement and logged accordingly.

City Manager King confirmed that staff will gather additional information pertaining to the nature and size of the issue, possible solutions including permitting options, and provide that information to Council.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk